

YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

**ANNUAL
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OF

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WHALEY BRIDGE,

Nr. STOCKPORT.


Mar 19th 1908

Dear Sir

I have pleasure
in forwarding to you for
the use of the British Medical
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Annual Report of the
Yeardsley cum Whaley Urban
District.

Yours faithfully

J. A. Welch



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To the
Chairman and Members of the Yeardsley-cum-Whaley
Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report for the year ending, December 31st, 1907.

District formed in 1863.

Area of district (exclusive of area covered by water)
1323 acres.

Assessable value for the General District Rate
is as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Property assessed at full	5841	18	0
do. (£1625 10 0) assessed			
at $\frac{1}{4}$...	406	7	6
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	£6248	5	6
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Population at Census (1901), 1487.

Number of inhabited houses at Census (1901), 335.

Average number of persons per house at Census (1901), 4.43.

Estimated population at end of 1907, 1559.

Number of inhabited houses at end of 1907, 399.

New houses built and inhabited during 1907, 4.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

There have been 32 births registered during the year, which gives a birth-rate of 20.5 per thousand.

The number of deaths registered is 23, giving a death-rate of 14.8 per thousand. No deaths of strangers have occurred during the year.

For the preceding ten years the average birth-rate was 24.4 per thousand and the average death-rate 14.0 per thousand.

There have been 6 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, giving an infant mortality of 187.5. This is a very high death-rate and has been exceeded once only in the last ten years, but it is not of great significance since the population of the district is so small.

The average infant mortality for the preceding ten years was 110.5.

The causes of deaths during the year in your district may be classified as :—Measles, 1 ; Croup, 1 ; Diarrhœa, 2 ; Tuberculosis, 1 ; Malignant Disease, 3 ; Premature Birth, 2 ; Senile Decay, 2 ; Neurasthenia, 1 ; Cerebral Hæmorrhage, 2 ; Uraemia, 1 ; Marasmus, 1 ; Gangrene, 1 ; Heart Disease, 2 ; Suicides, 3.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was an epidemic of measles at the beginning of the year, which necessitated the closing of the Day Schools in the district.

Four cases of infectious diseases have been notified, three of Erysipelas and one of Diphtheria.

The cases of Erysipelas could not be traced to any insanitary conditions and were probably results of cold.

The case of Diphtheria was most likely caused by a defective slop-stone gulley. In all cases full instructions were given, and steps taken by the Sanitary Inspector, to prevent further spread of the diseases.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of the district remains good, and the very excellent report of the County Analyst last year should give you great satisfaction.

The water at the “ Well ” at Naylor’s Cottages and “ Jackson’s Well,” has been considered of doubtful purity. Recently, samples have been taken and sent for Analysis. The Report which has just come to hand is as follows :—

NAYLOR’S COTTAGES WELL. “ This is a very pure water, well fitted for use for drinking and other domestic purposes. It is somewhat hard, but the hardness may be considerably reduced by boiling.”

JACKSON’S WELL. “ This is a very pure water and well adapted for use as drinking water.”

Signed, ROBERT WRIGHT, F.C.S.

On the advice of your late Medical Officer, the flow of water into the Reservoir has been altered, so that a continuous current of the whole bulk of water in the Reservoir is maintained.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901.

All the factories and workshops have been inspected from time to time. There has been one case only—that of insufficient sanitary accommodation—which required attention, and this was at once remedied.

THE DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, AND MILKSHOPS' ORDERS.

Great improvements have been made during the year in the Cowsheds and Milk Stores, as regards air space, ventilation, and drains. Samples of Milk have been taken by the County Authorities, and since nothing further has been heard of the matter, one may presume that the samples were satisfactory.

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

The chief occupations of the district are calico-printing, cotton-weaving, and colliery work.

The house accommodation for the working classes remains sufficient, and the erection of new houses is still proceeding in the district.

There are no common lodging-houses in your district.

BYE-LAWS.

The two slaughter-houses have been examined periodically and were found in a satisfactory condition.

The two places where offensive trades are carried on comply with the bye-laws for such trades.

GENERAL SANITARY WORK AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The district is mainly supplied by privies and ashpits. These are emptied at stated times and the contents removed. The whole district has been systematically inspected, and wherever defects have been discovered, they have been speedily rectified. During the year twenty-six notices to abate nuisances have been given by the Inspector, and in the majority of cases, with satisfactory results. New drains have been put in at Furness Vale and Hockerley Hall. Two new closets and ashpits have been built, and many old drains have been replaced by new ones.

On September 25th, 1907, a meeting of your Council, the Chapel-en-le-Frith Rural District Council, and the Macclesfield Rural District Council, was held in order to discuss "A Joint Scheme for Sewerage Treatment." The result of this meeting was that Messrs. Swan and Brady were instructed to submit a report on the matter. This report has not yet come to hand.

CANAL BOATS.

Four Canal Boats have been inspected during the year and were found to comply with regulations.

Taking all things into consideration, and judging by notes left by your late Medical Officer, the sanitary condition of the district appears to be very satisfactory.

In conclusion, I must express my indebtedness to your Clerk and Sanitary Inspector, for the assistance they have given me in drawing up this Report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. A. WELCH.

WHALEY BRIDGE,

FEBRUARY 18TH, 1908.



Table 1.

URBAN DISTRICT OF YEARDSLEY-CUM-WHALEY.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE DISTRICT,

during 1907 and previous years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Net Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
		Number.	Rate †	Under one Year of Age		At all Ages.					Number.	Rate †
				Number.	Rate per 1000 Births Registered	Number.	Rate †					
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1897	1500	29	19.3	7	241	24	16.0		...		24	16.0
1898	1500	36	24	6	166	27	18.0		2		25	16.6
1899	1500	41	27.3	5	122	20	13.3		...		20	13.3
1900	1500	38	25.3	2	52	17	11.3		...		17	11.3
1901	1487	39	26.2	7	179	25	16.8		...		25	16.8
1902	1518	38	25	5	131	22	13.5		2		20	13.1
1903	1518	40	26.3	1	25	13	8.5		1		12	7.9
1904	1530	33	21.5	2	60.6	17	11.1		...		17	11.1
1905	1530	41	26.7	3	73.1	28	18.3		4		24	15.6
1906	1550	36	23.2	2	55.5	21	13.5		...		21	13.5
Averages for years 1897-1906.	1513.3	37.1	24.4	4	110.5	21.4	14.0		.9		20.5	13.5
1907	1554	32	20.5	6	187.5	23	14.8			1	22	14.0

† Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13, calculated per thousand of estimated population.

